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Majority prices in all areas were mostly unchanged when compared to previous week. Trade sentiment was generally steady. Retail demand was light to instances moderate with limited features. Food service covered the full range, best for fast food, delis, and into sports bars. Supplies of all sizes were more manageable than last week, but still adequate to fully sufficient. In the parts structure, demand was fair at best following the weekend, and availability of all items was at least adequate to ample. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at weights in a full range.

Final Report of prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook ice-packed broiler/fryers (includes branded product) to be delivered to first receivers at major market centers week of 16-OCT-2006 (cents per lb)

| AREAS | US GRADE A | | COMPOSITE | |
|--------------------|-------------|------------|-----------|-----|
| | MAJORITY | WTD LOADS | WTD LOADS | |
| | | AVG | AVG | |
| Boston/New England | TFEWR | : | 62.39 | 18 |
| Chicago | 57.00-60.00 | 59.70 34 : | 60.19 | 66 |
| Ohio Cities | TFEWR | : | 57.81 | 19 |
| Denver | 76.50 | 76.50 13 : | 77.23 | 15 |
| Detroit | 57.00-59.00 | 60.50 8 : | 60.81 | 46 |
| Los Angeles | 77.00 | 75.52 67 : | 72.56 | 125 |
| New York | 60.00-63.00 | 61.74 23 : | 62.58 | 49 |
| Philadelphia | 58.50-61.00 | 60.27 11 : | 60.65 | 24 |
| Pittsburgh | 59.00-62.00 | 61.00 11 : | 63.87 | 60 |
| St. Louis | 59.00 | 58.64 20 : | 59.60 | 36 |
| San Francisco | 77.50 | 77.05 37 : | 76.73 | 81 |

Composite Weighted Average

| | | | | |
|-------|----------|----------------|----------|----------|
| Loads | 10/16/06 | Change Last Wk | 10/09/06 | 10/17/05 |
| 539 | 65.57 | .34 | 65.23 | 68.81 |

WOG BROILERS (without giblets) - prices paid per lb delvd to first receivers in trucklot and less than trucklot quantities.

| REGIONS | Majority | Wtd Avg | Loads |
|------------------------------------|-------------|---------|-------|
| Eastern | 62.00-64.00 | 62.16 | 37 |
| Central | 49.00-65.00 | 60.14 | 69 |
| Western | 57.00-68.00 | 65.33 | 38 |
| Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent | | | |
| Mississippi | 67.00-70.00 | 68.54 | 90 |

GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is 69.75 cents based on ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds.

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MONDAY FINAL WTD AVG

| LOADS | RANGE | FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT |
|-------|-------------|------------------------|
| 1,145 | 57.00-71.00 | 68.59 |

The Georgia f.o.b. dock confirmed final weighted average prices on ice packed parts:

| | WTD AVG | VOLUME |
|------------------|---------|--------|
| LINE RUN TENDERS | 151.00 | 1,398 |
| BREASTS - B/S | 123.50 | 5,819 |
| BREASTS - WHOLE | 76.50 | 1,446 |
| THIGH MEAT - B/S | 81.00 | 1,134 |
| LEG QUARTERS | 29.00 | 9,137 |
| WINGS | 92.50 | 2,792 |

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NORTHEAST REGION BROILER/FRYER Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers generally light to fair at best entering the week. Offerings of all sizes were adequate to fully adequate for current trade needs. Movement through retail and distributive channels was no better than fair. The market tone was mostly steady. In the parts complex, breast items, wings and tenders were readily available and competitively priced in most instances. Dark meat cuts were at least adequate.

SOUTHERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Trade sentiment was mixed, but overall steady at best. Demand following the weekend was light to fair and usually limited to regular commitments. Supplies of all sizes were adequate to readily available for trade needs. In the parts structure, movement was generally no better than fair. Supplies of all items were at least adequate to ample and frequently discounted to increase interest. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at desirable to heavy, mostly desirable weights.

WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Final majorities were at unchanged prices. The market tone was about steady. Trading reported at mainly unchanged prices on regular commitments, however new negotiations were at unchanged to higher prices. Offerings were adequate overall. Buying activity was fair. Retailer demand was light to moderate. Dealers reported moderate weekend carryovers. The market tone was about steady on parts. Trading reported on parts at 29-32 for leg quarters, leg meat 64- 68.5, wings 88-96, breast with bone attached 80-98 and boneless breast 91-102. The Los Angeles negotiated WOG weighted average was 58.96 up 4.14, down 7 percent at 26 loads.

MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYER Final majority prices were mixed into Midwest markets; Ohio cities TFEWR. Whole broiler/fryer market tone was steady. Offerings were sufficient on lighter weights, close on 3 up wogs for the light to moderate trade call. Retail and food service demand was light to fairly good; best into sports bar restaurants, delicatessens and fast food. Floor stocks were adequate; weights were in a full range. Offerings of all parts items were moderate to heavy. The market tone on parts was steady to weak.

DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was mostly fair to occasionally light. Seller offerings were in a better balance, but still adequate to fully adequate for current needs. Live supplies were moderate; weights continued to vary in a full range of light to heavy. Processor schedules were moderate. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 61 to 73 cents. Trade sentiment was usually steady. In the parts complex, interest on bone-in breast was light due in part to the availability of boneless/skinless breast. Movement on wings was only fair. Dark meat interest was not to bad, but generally irregular as traders closely watch export markets.

*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA

BRANDED U.S. GRADE A

RANGE
WEIGHTED AVERAGE
NO. OF BOXES

50-74
(A)
(A)

(A) Not reported to avoid disclosing individual operations

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS Trucklot buying interest was noted as no better than fair entering the week. Offerings of boneless skinless breasts, tenders and wings remained fully adequate to ample and slow to clear; bone-in breasts and dark meat cuts were at least adequate. Movement through retail and distributive channels was light to fair. The market tone was barely steady for boneless skinless breasts, tenders and wings; generally steady on the balance of items.

ICE PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER POUND

| ITEM | NEGOTIATED | CURRENT TRADING* | WTD AVG** | VOLUME /LBS |
|----------------------------|------------|---------------------|--------------|----------------|
| BREAST - B/S | | 105 | 100.98 | 818,482 |
| TENDERLOINS | | 90-95 | 104.28 | 238,810 |
| BREAST - WITH RIBS | | 70-71 | 77.80 | 46,880 |
| BREAST - LINE RUN | | 70 | 69.33 | 81,000 |
| LEGS | | 39-40 | 39.60 | 101,800 |
| LEG QUARTERS (BULK) | | 28-29 | 29.06 | 245,640 |
| DRUMSTICKS | | 29-30 | 36.30 | 75,760 |
| THIGHS | | 26-27 | 37.05 | 33,160 |
| B/S THIGHS | | 80-81 | 83.22 | 128,420 |
| WINGS (WHOLE) | | 84-85 | 90.29 | 238,420 |
| BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED) | | 10-12 | 11.62 | 22,800 |
| LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS) | | 30-35 | 27.65 | 14,000 |
| GIZZARDS (HEARTS) | | 50-55 | 53.29 | 20,320 |

INCLUDES NEW YORK CITY METROPOLITAN AREA, NORTHERN NEW JERSEY, MASSACHUSETTS, CONNECTICUT, RHODE ISLAND, AND PENNSYLVANIA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG).

* TODAY'S NEGOTIATED SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

** WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

ARKANSAS BROILER/FRYER PARTS F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED-PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

| ITEM | LBS (000) | RANGE | MAJORITY WT. | AVG |
|---------------------|-----------|-------------------|--------------|-------|
| BREAST - B/S | 2,297 | 80.00-198.00 | 85-95 | 92.09 |
| TENDERLOINS | 438 | 78.00-192.00 | 85-87 | 95.99 |
| BREAST - WITH RIBS | 536 | 63.00-83.00 | - | 76.51 |
| FRONT HALVES | | TOO FEW TO REPORT | | |
| LEGS | | TOO FEW TO REPORT | | |
| LEG QUARTERS (BULK) | 2,593 | 23.00-27.00 | 23 | 23.30 |
| LEG QUARTERS (4/10) | 1,764 | 25.00-32.00 | 25 | 25.56 |
| WINGS (WHOLE) | 761 | 63.00-119.00 | 82-88 | 83.62 |
| DRUMSTICKS | | TOO FEW TO REPORT | | |
| THIGHS | 1,565 | 15.00-31.00 | 16-17 | 16.82 |

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

| | Estimate (1,000) | Actual (1,000) | Avg Wts 10/12 | Actual (1,000) | Avg Wts 10/09 |
|----------------|---------------------|-------------------|------------------|-------------------|------------------|
| | 10/16 | 10/12 | 10/12 | 10/09 | 10/05 |
| Alabama | 4,015 | 3,967 | 5.42 | 3,918 | 5.48 |
| Arkansas | 5,393 | 5,364 | 5.32 | 5,333 | 5.34 |
| Delmarva | 2,243 | 2,230 | 5.73 | 2,231 | 5.77 |
| KY-LA-TN | 2,334 | 2,303 | 5.11 | 2,104 | 5.06 |
| Mississippi | 2,880 | 2,913 | 5.94 | 2,849 | 5.89 |
| North Carolina | 2,598 | 2,577 | 6.79 | 2,650 | 6.87 |
| Texas | 2,511 | 2,547 | 5.35 | 2,543 | 5.30 |
| Total | 21,974 | 21,901 | 5.62 | 21,628 | 5.63 |
| Mon | 21,974(A) | | | 21,628 (A) | |

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 16-Oct 2006 is estimated to be 32,876,000 up 1.30 percent from a week ago, and up 3.3 percent from a year ago. (last week 32,455,000 last year 31,829,000)

SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED-PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

| ITEM | POUNDS (000) | RANGE | MAJORITY | WTD AVG |
|---------------------|-----------------|-------------------|----------|------------|
| BREAST - B/S | | TOO FEW TO REPORT | | |
| TENDERLOINS | 293 | 78.00-155.00 | - | 86.25 |
| BREAST - LINE RUN | | TOO FEW TO REPORT | | |
| FRONT HALVES | | TOO FEW TO REPORT | | |
| LEGS | 228 | 29.00-41.00 | 30-31 | 31.26 |
| LEG QUARTERS (BULK) | 593 | 20.00-29.00 | 23-24 | 23.93 |
| LEG QUARTERS (4/10) | 719 | 21.00-31.00 | 25 | 25.20 |
| WINGS (WHOLE) | 293 | 80.00-95.00 | 82-85 | 85.36 |
| WINGS (CUT) | 405 | 95.00-105.00 | 98-100 | 99.02 |
| DRUMSTICKS | | TOO FEW TO REPORT | | |
| THIGHS | | TOO FEW TO REPORT | | |
| B/S THIGHS | | TOO FEW TO REPORT | | |

WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS
TRADING FOR OCTOBER 16, 2006 — F.O.B. DOCK.

| RANGE | TODAY'S AVERAGE | 5-DAY AVERAGE |
|---------------|-----------------|---------------|
| 36.50 - 43.00 | 40.23 | 38.87 |

The Index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYER PARTS ICE-PACKED POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES DELIVERED TO IL, IN, IA, KS, MI, MN, MO, NE, ND, OH, SD, AND WI WEEK OF 16-OCT-2006 TO 20-OCT-2006, CENTS PER POUND

| | Price Per Lb. | Mostly |
|----------------------------|----------------|----------------|
| BREAST - B/S | 85.00 - 116.00 | 85.00 - 103.00 |
| BREAST - LINE RUN | 66.00 - 90.00 | 70.00 - 75.00 |
| LEGS | 32.00 - 43.00 | - |
| LEG QUARTERS (BULK) | 23.00 - 32.00 | 27.00 - 29.00 |
| LEG QUARTERS (4/10) | 28.00 - 34.00 | 30.00 - 35.00 |
| DRUMSTICKS | 26.00 - 39.00 | - |
| THIGHS | 24.00 - 41.00 | - |
| WINGS (WHOLE) | 69.00 - 96.00 | 85.00 - 90.00 |
| BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED) | 12.00 - 23.00 | - |
| LIVERS | 30.00 - 39.00 | - |
| GIZZARDS (HEARTS) | 40.00 - 52.00 | - |

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY, DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

| | RANGE |
|----------------------------------|--------------|
| WOGS 2# & UP - WHOLE | 82.25-100.25 |
| WOGS 2# & UP - CUT UP 8&9 PIECES | 85.75-102.75 |

FROZEN HENS 5# & UP

FROZEN DUCKS

FROZEN SQUABS

DELIVERED TO RETAILERS IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA)

| | |
|------------------|--------|
| FRESH FRYERS | 91-100 |
| ROASTERS 4# & UP | 99-108 |
| HENS UNDER 5# | |
| HENS OVER 5# | 65-74 |

DUCKS

RABBITS-WHOLE

RABBITS-CUT UP

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY

DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

| | RANGE |
|------------------|----------|
| FRESH FRYERS | 110-114 |
| | ICE PACK |
| ROASTERS 4# & UP | 93-105 |
| | DRY PACK |
| | 111-118 |
| | ICE PACK |
| HENS OVER 5# | 98 |
| | DRY PACK |
| | 100-107 |
| | ICE PACK |
| DUCKS | 86-100 |
| | 190-195 |

EASTERN REGION MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN

F.O.B. SHIPPER DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN THE EASTERN REGION IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND, DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS.

| OCTOBER 13, 2006 | | | | |
|---|-------------|-------------|-----------|---------|
| CHICKEN WITH SKIN ADDED — PRICES — VOLUME — | | | | |
| (Cents per Pound) | | | | |
| FAT CONTENT | FROZEN | FRESH | TOTAL | EXPORT |
| 15% OR LESS | | | | |
| RANGE | 17.00 | 16.00-17.00 | 324,000 | 44,000 |
| WTD AVERAGE | 17.00 | 16.43 | | |
| 15-20% | | | | |
| RANGE | 15.50-21.00 | 12.00-16.00 | 1,850,000 | 950,000 |
| WTD AVERAGE | 17.70 | 14.14 | | |
| 20% OR MORE | | | | |
| RANGE | - | 14.00 | 120,000 | - |
| WTD AVERAGE | | 14.00 | | |

*INCLUDES THE STATES of CT, DE, FL, GA, MA, MD, ME, NC, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, SC, VA, VT, WV

CENTRAL REGION MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN

F.O.B. SHIPPER DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN THE CENTRAL REGION IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND, DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS.

| OCTOBER 13, 2006 | | | | |
|---|-------------|-------------|-----------|---------|
| CHICKEN WITH SKIN ADDED — PRICES — VOLUME — | | | | |
| (Cents per Pound) | | | | |
| FAT CONTENT | FROZEN | FRESH | TOTAL | EXPORT |
| 15% OR LESS | | | | |
| RANGE | 17.00-18.50 | 18.00 | 351,600 | 270,000 |
| WTD AVERAGE | 18.20 | 18.00 | | |
| 15-20% | | | | |
| RANGE | 15.00-20.00 | 11.00-17.00 | 1,996,800 | 964,800 |
| WTD AVERAGE | 16.67 | 12.52 | | |
| 20% OR MORE | | | | |
| RANGE | - | - | - | - |
| WTD AVERAGE | | | | |

*INCLUDES THE STATES of AL, AR, IA, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MI, MN, MO, MS, ND, NE, OK, OH, SD, TN, TX, WI

SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN Prices were generally unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Demand was mostly fair to moderate for the at least adequate to fully adequate offerings of spent hens. Processing schedules were noted as normal. Sales of finished product was generally fair. The undertone was steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *

FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 16-OCT-06

| | RANGE | MAJORITY | WTD AVG |
|--------------------------|-------------------|----------|------------|
| AT FARM BUYER LOADING | 2-7 | | 4.92 |
| AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING | TOO FEW TO REPORT | | |
| FOB PLANT | TOO FEW TO REPORT | | |

*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN Trading levels were mixed compared to the last week. Demand was moderate for at least adequate offerings of spent heavy hens. Schedules were reduced. Finished sales were fair. Trade sentiment was steady at best.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *

PRELIMINARY PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 16-OCT-06

| | RANGE | MAJORITY | WTD AVG |
|-----------------------|-------|----------|------------|
| AT FARM BUYER LOADING | 2-8 | | 5.05 |

*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

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